UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

CO-2-34,030

U. S. Secret Service

DATE: November 29, 1963

TO : Chief

FROM : SAIC Rice - New Orleans

SUBJECT: Assassination of John F. Kennedy

This will confirm my telephone call on November 27, 1963, to SAIC Robert I. Bouck, Protective Research Section, who was informed that this office had received from Carlos Bringuier, an anti-Castro Cuban, of 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans, a "Guidebook for Marines", which Bringuier received from Lee Harvey Oswald at New Orleans in about August, 1963. At that time Oswald pretended to be against Castro and told Bringuier that he would be willing to assist in training Cubans with a view to overthrowing Castro.

The book bears the name "L. H. Oswald", ruboer stamped on the first page and also page 91, and the following notation in pencil on the first page: "Pvt. Lee H. Oswald, No. 1653230". On page 145 there appears considerable printed matter, apparently in a foreign language, possibly Russian, which was probably transferred from another document in reverse.

On page 189 of the book, in a paragraph under "Sight Setting", the following has been underlined in pencil: "1 minute of angle or approximately 1 inch on the target for each 100 yards".

In accordance with SAIC Bouck's request, the Guidebook for Marines is being forwarded to your office today, under separate cover, by registered mail.

SAIC Bouck was also informed that we had secured from WWL Television Station, Channel 4, duplicate of a film taken on August 16, 1963, on the occasion when Oswald was passing out "Fair Play for Cuba" circulars in front of the International Trade Mart, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans. The other young man shown with Oswald in the scenes has been identified as Charles Hall Steele, Jr., of 1488 Madrid Street, New Orleans. Steele was interviewed on 11-27-63 and he said Oswald gave him $2.00 to distribute the literature, and that when he realized the content of the material, he told him he wanted nothing to do with the matter, whereupon Oswald gave him $2.00 and he departed. The film is being forwarded under separate cover, along with the Guidebook for Marines, and there is attached to this memorandum copy of a "still" of Charles Hall Steele, Jr., made from the film, also copy of "still" of Oswald.

We also obtained from Television Station WDSU, Channel 6, New Orleans, film taken on the same date when Oswald was passing out literature at the same place. This film shows another subject, as yet unidentified, who was passing out literature. Copies of three different scenes were reproduced from "stills" of the film, and one copy of each is attached. The film is being forwarded to your office under separate cover.

Efforts are being continued in an effort to identify the other subject in the photographs.

A local attorney, Dean Andrews, who is well known to this office, informed me that on Saturday evening, November 23, 1963, while he was confined to the Hotel Dieu Hospital, New Orleans, he received a telephone call, probably a local call although he was not positive, from a man giving the name of Clay Bertrand, who inquired as to whether or not he would be willing to defend Oswald. Attorney Andrews said he could not readily place Clay Bertrand, but felt that he had previously had dealings with him in New Orleans. To date, our efforts to identify Bertrand have been unsuccessful.

Attorney Andrews further informed us that in June, 1963, Oswald visited his office on three different occasions and appeared to be concerned about (1) his citizenship status; (2) his wife's status; and (3) his bad conduct discharge from the Marine Corps which he wanted to have reviewed, claiming that he was unable to obtain employment on account of the nature of the discharge. Attorney Andrews said that on each occasion, Oswald was accompanied by other men, altogether probably five persons, all of whom appeared to him as being homosexuals. He said that Clay Bertrand probably was one of the men who accompanied Oswald, and that he would make every effort to identify Bertrand. Inquiries to date have failed to identify Clay Bertrand.

DISTRIBUTION:

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ATTACHMENTS - Dallas
Two copies each of three different photographs of Oswald and an unidentified subject passing out circulars in New Orleans on 8-16-63.